

Sts. Mary & Matthew Faith Community

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Our Mission Is To Go and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ ~ August 25, 2024



The Word of the Laird



Today's passage from the Gospel of John accounts for the departure of some of Jesus' followers who found the teaching on the Eucharist difficult to take. Eating human flesh and drinking human blood were inherently opposed in Jewish practice. But we need to remember that this Gospel is being written later than the synoptic gospels, likely around the year 75 or 80. By this time there have been some who professed belief in Christ but then moved away from that belief.

So Jesus' question to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Peter's response, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." Peter will spend the rest of his life bearing witness to those words, up to his martyrdom by crucifixion in Rome.

For us, we need to live our lives in such a way that people are drawn to see a deeper dimension in what we do that is rooted in our relationship with Jesus. That relationship calls for the friendship that grows through regular time for prayer. It also grows through showing care and concern for others, especially the needy and the poor.

May we find the best ways to put Christ in our lives.

Thanks be to God.

Readings and Hymns

Readings914

Hymns:

St. Mary's:

Entrance473
Offertory488
Recessional548

St. Matthew:

Entrance355
Offertory399
Recessional662



Church Chuckle

In Wednesday's prayer group, Steve Phillips will read his speech, "Loving One Another: Excepting Those of Other Cultures."



Saturday, August 24

St. Matthew 4:30 pm—Marion Bayer (Family)

Sunday, August 25—21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Mary's 8:30 am —Angeline Frieday (Judy Donsky)

St. Matthew 10:30 am—For the People of this Faith Community

Monday, August 26

St. Matthew 9:00 am—Helen Kehoe (Family)

Tuesday, August 27

St. Mary's 9:00 am—Chris Kilpert (Ken Villone)

Wednesday—August 28

St. Matthew 9:00 am—Teek Ferguson-Blessings for a Holy Life (Sheila & Don Wolf)

Thursday—August 29

St. Mary's 9:00 am—Jennifer Wilks (Judy Donsky)

Saturday, August 31

St. Matthew 4:30 pm—Marion & Charles Bayer (Family)

Sunday, September 1—22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Mary's 8:30 am —For the People of this Faith Community

St. Matthew 10:30 am—Susannah Lyle (Family)

Weekly Offertory

St. Mary's

*Collection—08/18/2024 **\$1,873.62**

*Includes Electronic Offering of \$199.62

St. Matthew

*Collection—08/18/2024 **\$3,982.00**

*Includes Electronic Offering of \$1,657.00

What our churches need per week to meet our budget:

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| St. Mary's | \$2,052 |
| St. Matthew | \$5,600 |

Figures in red indicate weekly budget was not met

Attendance— 08/18/2024

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| St. Matthew—4:30 pm | 124 |
| St. Mary's—8:30 am | 135 |
| St. Matthew—10:30 am | 148 |

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This Week in Our Faith Community

Monday, August 26

St. Matthew—9:00 am Mass

Noon—Bulletin Articles for September 1 Due

St. Mary's—4:30—6:30 pm Spaghetti Supper

Tuesday, August 27

St. Mary's—9:00 am Mass

St. Mary's—9:30 am Euchre

Wednesday, August 28

Noon—Bulletin Articles for September 8 Due

St. Matthew—9:00 am Mass

St. Matthew—9:30—11:30 am Eucharistic Adoration

St. Matthew—12:30 pm Hearts & Hands

Thursday, August 29

St. Mary's—9:00 am Mass

Friday, August 30

St. Mary's—10:00 am-Noon Clothing Closet Open

St. Mary's—6:00 pm—8:00 pm Clothing Closet Open

Saturday, August 31

St. Mary's—10:00 am-Noon Clothing Closet Open

St. Matthew—3:30—4:00 pm Reconciliation

St. Matthew—4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, September 1

St. Mary's—8:30 am Mass

St. Matthew—10:30 am Mass

In Memory of Loved Ones

Contact your Parish Office to remember a loved one. A donation of \$50/year is requested.

In Memory Of

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| Richard O'Connor | Dan & Shirley Mulvaney |
| Pat Conlon | Jay Nowakowski |
| Lucille DeClerck | Robert & Mary Oelwang |
| Jule DeClerck | Paul & Martha Pfuntner |
| Joseph & Betty Eberwein | Joe Rausch |
| Mary Iten | Patrick L Guenther |
| Leo Iten | Frank & Estelle Rodman |
| Paul Jones | Nan Ryan |
| Beverly Luther | John Scherberger |
| Ralph & Rocco Messura | Michelle Stefano |
| Betty West | Kathie Regelsberger |
| Leo & Mary Ann Morsch | Lois Cicero |
| Lenny & Marie Shumway | Debra Czudak |
| Linda Murphy | James Sheehan |
| Patrick Argentieri | Anita Stefano |
| Ofc. Anthony P. Mazurkiewicz | Joan Shattuck |
| Jean Marie Dellies | Betty Schrader |
| Joseph Carusotti | |

Deceased Members of the following:

Chuck and Cathy Schwalenstocker Family
 Helinski and Ellison Families
 Giuliani Family
 Jones Family
 Muscato Family
 Enright & Yatteau Families
 Kurtz, Martin & O'Neil Families
 Kucich & Juriaco Families
 Quinn, Donato & Lewis Families
 Gilbert & Somers Families
 Paul & Martha Pfuntner
 Baier, Root and Shaw Families
 Mazurkiewicz and Rumfola Families
 Moeller & Fritzen Families
 Cicero and Lyeth Families



Hearts & Hands Knitting Group

Group meets every Wednesday,
12:30 pm at St. Matthew.



In your
Christian Charity, you are
asked to remember in your
prayers

Dorothy Ecklund
John Reynolds

whom God called to eternal rest. May they rest in
peace and may the Risen Lord
strengthen their families in their time of loss.

Praying for Those Who Are Ill

Florence Ahl, **Gary Anderson**, Diane Backus,
William Beeley, Katey Boldt-Norton, Teresa Burritt,
Catherine Couture, Kevin DeCillis, Hazel Delaney,
Crystal DeMay, Joseph Dispenza, Mary Sarah
Hanna, John Henry, Mary Ann Hipp, Debbie Holtz,
Dan Jones, Peggy Knight, Jean Long, Mark
(Whitmore) Maltese, Shoshana Margolin, Rose
Mazurkiewicz, Steve Milligan, Nina Monteleone,
Christina Palella, Mia Rafanelli, Ann Marie
Redman, Kathy Reynolds, Mary Sheehan, Bill
Sidlauskas, Alan Siracusa, Erin Siracusa, Kathleen
Smith, Jim Stefano Sr., Margaret Stuver, Marlene
Tears, Ed Wendelgass

Would You Help Us Out?

Please review the list. If you requested a name to be added
and the person no longer needs to be on the list, let us know
so we can take the name off to add others. **As a reminder**,
we need the permission of an **immediate** family member or
the person themself to place a name on the prayer list.

Pave Paradise Update

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| Total Loan | \$75,000 |
| Fiscal Year 7/1/24-6/30/25 | |
| Commitment | \$15,000.00 |
| Fund Raising | |
| Basket Raffle | \$920.39 |
| Trivia Night | \$600.00 |
| Spaghetti Suppers | \$4,165.13 |
| Junk in the Trunk | \$4,397.66 |
| Chicken Barbeque | \$869.00 |
| Pave Paradise Donations | \$1,375.00 |
| Ending Balance (as of 8/18) | \$2,672.82 |

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

AUGUST 31 & SEPTEMBER 1

4:30 pm—Communion Ministers: J. Ellison, S. Shaw;
Lector: D. Winter; **Sacristan:** C&C Schwalenstocker

8:30 am—Altar Servers: B. Gleason, J. Parshall; **Com-
munion Ministers:** S. Brown, J. Donsky; **Lector:** J.
Beno; **Greeter/Ushers:** P&S Stumpf, C. Zanghi; **Sac-
ristan:** S. Brown; **Announcer:** B. Missell; **Live Stream:**
P. Stumpf

10:30 am—Altar Servers: C. Coriddi; **Communion
Ministers:** D&P Somers; **Lector:** J. Tirabassi; **Sacris-
tan:** J. Kahn

A NOTE FROM YOUR DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY:

Dear Church Family,

This weekend we celebrate the **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**, and the readings reiterate the importance of being a committed disciple and a devoted Christian.

In our first reading from the Book of Joshua, we find Joshua addressing “all the people” and questioning them as to what they believe. **“If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve.”** And Joshua proclaims to them, **“As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”**

Likewise, our second reading from St. Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians reminds us to **“Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ.”** This reading was formerly (and is still sometimes) used in wedding liturgies. I personally don’t like being told that I must be subordinate to a man, but I perfectly understand being subordinate to Christ. We do that by following our call to put others needs before our own, and we accomplish that by placing Christ first in all that we do.

As Christians, it should be easy for us to place God in the forefront of our lives. Yet, as humans, we struggle with this because we are selfish by nature. It doesn’t help that we live in a society that has become increasingly self-centered. So, living in Christ and for Christ is something that must be encouraged, taught, practiced, and valued. We all know it’s easier to walk away than to follow. But if we aspire to be a disciple of Christ, then following is what we are called to do.

Our gospel passage from St. John gives us a perfect example of this as Jesus has just told his followers that he is **“the bread of life.”** That reality proved to be too much for many to accept as they **“returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him.”** Jesus reminded them, **“It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life.”** This was a turning point for the remaining disciples. Simon Peter proclaims **“You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.”** Do you believe – truly believe – that Jesus is our savior – the light of the world? If the answer is yes, then let’s get to work. We too must proclaim to all we encounter, with our words and actions, that Jesus Christ is the Holy One of God. We do this by placing the needs of others in front of our own. We do this through good works and prayer and devotion. We do this through LOVE.

Let’s “put on” Christ in all we do so that we in turn can lead others to live in his grace and mercy. It’s not easy but, with God’s grace and some perseverance on our part, we can do it. The thing about following is that we don’t have to worry about where we’re headed or how we’re going to get there as long as we just keep following along. God is a leader we can trust and gives us all the help we need for the journey.

Blessings & Love, *Jeanette*

Our Sacramental Life Together:

Sacrament of Baptism:

Call either parish office for arrangements.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:00 pm at St. Matthew or call either parish office for an appointment.

Sacrament of Matrimony:

Please notify either parish office six months in advance of desired date.

Anointing of the Sick:

Please notify either parish office if someone is sick at home, in a nursing facility or the hospital.

Holy Orders:

If you’re interested in serving the People of God as a priest, please visit ROCpriest.org.

Remembering All Those Serving in Our Military

Sgt. 1st Class Jacob Allison, Lt. Colonels Brian & Maria Beecher, Gunnery Sgt. Roy Beecher, T Sgt. Daniel Beecher, SPC Joshua Beecher, HM2 (FMF), Adam Bock, George Boyd, Lt. Cdr. William Burke, SSGs Ramiro & Melanie Carrasco, Major Alanna (Parrinello) Cook, Lt. Colonel Steven Cook, Sgt. Scott Cunningham, Cmdr. Kevin DeCillis - U.S.N., Private Bruce Flieger, AG2 Diane Gagle, Capt. Levi Gangi, Major Walter M. Golden III, Lt. Col. Christinia R. Golden, Maj. Adam R. Golden, SPC Mark Griswold, Nathan Gutridge, Emily Hill, Fred Hill, SSG. Scott Jeffers, SSG Jason Junot, Cpl. Marine Nicole A. Maltese, Sgt. Richard Miller, Lt. Col. Jeffrey B. Murphy, Capt. Michael S. Redman, IT3 Christopher Redman, Col. Gregory Reese, Airman Tyler Regelsberger, Capt. John Rossiter, Gerald Ruf, Staff Sgt. Sean Schoonover, 2nd Lt. US Army Dennis Segrue, Airman 1st Class Kenneth A. Shelton, Marvin Singer, Lt. Commander John T. Slagle, Sr. Airman Josh Smith, Christopher Taber

PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR PARISH OFFICE WITH ANY CHANGES TO THIS LIST

Our **Amazing Autumn Auction** is right around the corner; another Pave Paradise fundraising event!

We are looking for donations of stand-alone items and theme baskets (or items *for* baskets) that we can display for bidding in our silent auction. Some popular ideas include: gift cards/certificates, lottery tickets, home décor and small furnishings, wine, non-perishable food, holiday items, kids' toys/activities, pet supplies, concert tickets, or travel excursions.



**AUCTION
ITEMS
NEEDED!**

Accepting donations: Sunday, September 1 – Thursday, September 19

Bidding begins: Sunday, September 22

Auction ends: 10:00 am at the October 13 Coffee Hour



**Get your tickets
before they're
sold out!**

St. Mary's Church, Honeoye

Monday, August 26, 2024

Anytime between 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Tickets: \$10/Person and \$5/Child Under 10

Walk-ins \$12/Person and \$6/Child Under 10

Tickets available at both churches on Sundays
or both Church Offices

Featuring Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Salad,
Garlic Bread & Dessert
Please join us!



...to complete the census! Check out our website or Facebook page for a link or visit our Census Booth after Mass. So easy! We're

looking for updated information for you and those living with you.

Website: stsmaryandmatthew.com

Facebook: [Sts. Mary & Matthew Faith Community](#)

Census Booth: Let us help you complete your form!

Your help is greatly appreciated!!!



Our Faith Community
Needs help
With Funeral Services

We need volunteers from both churches to be altar servers as part of a team to assist Father Laird with funeral services. The duties include receiving gifts, assisting with incense and possibly distributing communion. This ministry is most important to provide grieving families with the best possible experience as they return their loved one to God.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering. If you are interested, please contact Father Laird. Thank you!

